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BRITAIN'S BUDGET.

PROSPECTIVE DEFICIT OF
SEVEN MILLIONS.

NEW TAX ON BETTING.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 26.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, introduced his Budget to-day. He said that last year's finance showed a surplus of £5,000,000, but this had been converted by the cost subsidy into a deficit of £14,000,000.

Forecasting the revenue for the current year on the existing basis he estimated it at £804,700,000. The estimated expenditure at £812,500,000.

The prospective deficit would thus be £7,800,000.

Windfall From Betting.

He had caused an examination to be made of luxury taxation. The Government had decided to impose a tax on betting. Credit betting was legal everywhere, and cash betting was legal on the race-course. Only such legal betting would be taxed. The tax would be five per cent. The tax was estimated to produce £6,000,000 in a full year, but this year it would not operate until the close of the flat-racing season and would not yield more than £1,500,000.

Wrapping Paper.

A duty would be placed on wrapping paper. This would operate after May 1, and was estimated to produce £400,000 in the first year and £550,000 in a full year. The rate would be 16 2/3 per cent. ad valorem.

Commercial Cars.

He had decided that the McKenna duty on imported motor-cars should cover commercial cars. This extension of the tax would yield £100,000 in the first year and £350,000 in a full year. It could not be justified within the limits of the safeguarding of industries policy, but the line of deviation between the commercial car and the pleasure car was wavering and nebulous, and it was becoming increasingly difficult to separate one from the other. It would come into force on May 1.

Key Industries.

The Government proposed to re-impose that part of the Safeguarding of Industries Act which was called the "key industries" duty, which otherwise would lapse this year. These industries were essential in national defence.

Export Duties.

The Export Committee had revised the duties. The modifications, however, were slight, and would yield an additional £50,000 revenue this year and in a full year £60,000.

With the exception of optical glass, which was increased fifty per cent, and other small additional duties, it was practically the old duties re-imposed, but they were re-imposed for ten years.

Road Fund.

Turning to the road fund, which is provided by motor-car licences, Mr. Churchill said that the revenue of that fund was growing rapidly. He estimated that the existing motor licence duties, which were designed in 1920 to produce about £8,000,000 would yield next year no less than £20,000,000, which was more than £22,000,000 over the increased yield of last year. There was also a surplus of nearly £19,000,000 in reserve. He proposed that the Exchequer should take £7,000,000 of this existing surplus.

He proposed also that the revenue from motor taxation should be divided in future between the road fund and the Exchequer on the broad principle that all that was raised to pay for wear and tear of roads should go to the roads, and that what belonged to luxury or pleasure aspects should go to the State. Consequently, the Exchequer would in the financial year take one-third of the yield of duties on private motor-cars and cycles. The Exchequer would receive approximately £3,500,000.

The yield from commercial vehicles would all go to the road fund. The duty on heavy vehicles of this class would be increased, as they put a great strain upon roads and were not paying their fair share. The increase would go to the road fund and would largely counter-balance the transfer to the Exchequer of a portion of the duties on private motor-cars and cycles.

Beer Credits.

Mr. Churchill said he proposed to save £5,500,000 by reducing the credit granted to brewers for

HIDDEN HAND.

ATTEMPT ON DISTINGUISHED
LAWYER.

FAMOUS TRIAL ECHO.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, April 26.

An abortive attempt by an unknown individual, supposed to be a Slav, has been made on the life of M. Aubert, the distinguished lawyer, who defended Polunin and Conrad, who were tried for the murder of Vorovsky in May, 1925.

payment of excise duty on beer from three months to two. He would collect thirteen months' revenue from beer in this financial year.

French Debts.

Turning to the French War Debt, Mr. Churchill said that many changes in the French Ministry and the political situation in France had delayed the final conclusion of the arrangement come to with Mr. Caillaux. He had good reason, however, to expect a visit from the French Minister of Finance very shortly after the Budget, and he had received from him assurances that, without prejudice to the impending settlement, the French Government undertook to make an unconditional minimum payment of £1,000,000 during the current financial year. This step showed a desire to arrive at a settlement, and it was a good augury for the coming discussions.

Final Balance Sheet.

The national balance sheet was considerably improved as result of the items which he had enumerated. He started with a prospective deficit of £7,800,000, and this had been converted by these items into a surplus of £4,150,000. No remission of income or any other tax was, however, justified.

In conclusion, Mr. Churchill said that he proposed to increase the sinking fund this year from £500,000 to £600,000.

PIEBALD PICTURE.

Country Obstinately Depressed.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 26.

In introducing the Budget Mr. Winston Churchill regretted that Customs and Excise had fallen short of the estimate by £1,000,000. The nation was richer than a year ago, but, whilst general trade had steadily improved, important sections were most prosperous and large profits had been made from rubber and tin basic industries, the country was mostly obstinately depressed. The picture was in black, not gray. It was piebald, with the dark patches less prominent than last year.

Estimates Short.

The estimate of inland revenue was £13,000,000 short and income tax £2,500,000 under the estimate. This was partially offset by an improvement in stamps. The most striking feature was that death duties were £5,250,000 below and the super-tax £5,250,000 above the estimate. The increase in the super-tax was due to stricter and more efficient collection.

Coal Subsidy Blamed.

The annual non-taxable revenue had increased £13,000,000 over the Estimates. There would have been a net surplus over all increases in expenditure of nearly £5,000,000, but for the coal subsidy, which alone was responsible for a deficit of £14,000,000.

Mr. Churchill emphasised the remarkable achievement in debt reduction. The total diminution in the past six years had been £75,000,000 annually, which perhaps, was some repayment for our immense efforts. He could only say: "Let us persevere!"

£7,000,000 Saved.

The total estimated expenditure was £812,500,000 against £799,500,000 estimated and £826,000,000 actual expenditure last year. The new Estimates included nearly £19,000,000 new additional expenditure arising either from the automatic growth of pensions, or decisions in policy. Last year there have been a net reduction of £7,000,000 administrative services including £4,000,000 on armaments. A further continuous effort was necessary, and Mr. Baldwin had authorised him to say that the Cabinet Committee on Economy would continue its work and that the Estimates of the three fighting services would be considered jointly.

COUNSEL'S QUERIES.

CONTRADICTIONS ALLEGED
IN ANSWERS.

CASHIER'S EVIDENCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Features of this morning's hearing of the Wing On Bank case were the apparent contradictions in the witness box of Kwok Woon-kwan, cashier, under a cross-examination by Mr. Elsie Zeitlyn, which occupied the whole morning.

The cashier of the Wing On Bank first of all stated that when asked by the managing director of the bank, when enquiries were instituted as to the account under which it is alleged that two Chinese endeavoured to defraud the Bank of \$50,000, he told the managing director that the man who opened the account and later drew the money was a man of 40 years of age and wore glasses. Later he stated that the man who opened the account and withdrew the money was a man of about 28 years of age.

His explanation of this apparent contradiction was that he had meant to say that a certain folk in the employ of the bank who was stated by the managing director of the bank to be like the man who opened the account was 40 years of age and that he had replied to the managing director that the folk could not be like that man because the man they were discussing was 28 years of age.

Under cross-examination, witness stated that although he had not retained a clear impression of the man who presented the book at the Bank and later withdrew, he was certain that it was not Au Kim-lui, the first defendant.

Witness later contradicted himself with regard to the nature of the book on which the withdrawal of the \$50,000 deposited had been made.

Mr. Zeitlyn: The money on the 3rd and 4th of May was withdrawn on a forged document, was it not?

Witness: No, on a genuine document.

The exhibit "Emma" was then handed to witness and he was asked whether it was genuine.

Witness: Some parts of it are forged and some are genuine.

Mr. Zeitlyn: Was the money withdrawn on that document?

Witness: Yes.

It was then pointed out to witness that his answers were contradictory.

The attention of witness was drawn to the writing on pages 3 and 4 of "Emma" and asked if it was in his handwriting.

Witness: It looks like mine.

Mr. Zeitlyn: In what way does it differ?

Witness stated that the dots on the "i's" were not as he dotted them. He wrote them flowingly, not as written there.

Mr. Zeitlyn pointed out to witness that on two occasions on presentation of the books he had failed to see any difference. Money had been paid out on them, if witness's evidence was correct.

An "Anxious" Depositor.

Witness was also cross-examined as to the nature of the interview when the final withdrawal was made.

He was asked why it was that he had refused to allow depositor to leave a balance in his book of \$1,000, thus allowing depositor to keep the book.

Witness replied that the agreement had been that the \$50,000 was to be left at any rate for 14 days and that when these large withdrawals were made he told the depositor that an account of that nature was no use to the Bank.

Mr. Zeitlyn: But you have accounts with far less sums than \$1,000.

Witness: Yes, but the money is left in and not withdrawn in a few days.

Witness was also asked as to the nature of the conversation between himself and the depositor with regard to the continuation of the account and he stated that the depositor was very anxious that he (the cashier) should allow him to leave some money in. The depositor remained some quarter of an hour trying to persuade witness to allow him to keep \$1,000 in.

Mr. Zeitlyn: And you had this man under observation for a quarter of an hour and still say that you have no clear recollection of what he looks like.

MOTOR OFFENCE.

MISUSE OF A WARNING
DEVICE.

"A PUBLIC NUISANCE."

(Reuter's Service.)

Among traffic prosecutions at the Central Magistracy this morning before Major C. Wilson, the driver of a European-owned car was summoned for continually sounding a warning device attached to the car while standing at Chater Road near York Building.

Accused denied the charge, stating that the sounding was done by another man while he was away on the top floor of the building.

Mr. G. V. Hughes, manager of Messrs. Loxley and Co., Ltd., stated in evidence that a conversation he was having with Mr. P. P. Franklin at about 10 o'clock in the morning was continually interrupted by the sound which had been going on for about twenty minutes. On looking out witness saw car No. 489 and a hand pressing the device, but the hood being up he could not say whether accused was the man who was actually there.

Describing the act as a public nuisance, the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$10.

Witness: I was not examining his features.

Mr. Zeitlyn further pointed out that the assistant cashier had stated that witness had not spoken to the depositor on the occasion of the withdrawal.

The case is continuing.

Concluding Evidence Yesterday.

Concluding his evidence yesterday, Prof. Shellshear said he had examined many books with the aid of transmitted light and he had found on none of them the conditions he found on the label of "Nina." He had no doubt that the label on "Nina" had at one time been on "Emma."

Cross-examined by Mr. Zeitlyn as to his methods of taking off the labels, witness said he had tried steaming, but was not successful in any instance.

Witness was handed a label and a deposit book and asked if he had any doubt that it was taken off by means of a wet piece of blotting paper. After examining the book witness replied that he had no doubt the label came off that particular book and it was quite conceivable that it was taken off in the manner described by counsel.

Asked how he knew the label belonged to that particular book, witness said he found five marks which enabled him to get an alignment and showed where the label had been.

Kwok Woon-kwan was next called. He said he was chief cashier of the bank in 1923. Handed the book "Emma" he said the signature there "Kwok Woon-kwan" was not his. The octagon chop produced was the chop of the bank, the only octagon chop they had and the only one used for this series of deposit books.

Regarding two books which he had not mentioned in his evidence in the Police Court, witness said regarding the two books in question, on which the firm was swindled, he was told by his employers to say nothing about them, but to keep them secret so that if the people presented them at the bank they might be arrested. That was three years ago. These instructions were not given in connection with the present case and he was sorry he had forgotten to mention them.

In cross-examination, witness said he was now cashier for the whole firm and not just the bank department.

At this stage the case was adjourned until this morning when Mr. Zeitlyn will continue his cross-examination.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, appears with Mr. H. G. Sheldon for the prosecution (both instructed by Mr. Bulmer, Johnson, Hastings, Denny and Bowley). Mr. C. G. Alabaster and Mr. Elsie Zeitlyn (instructed by Mr. G. K. Hall, Brutton and Mr. Leo d'Almada) appear for the respective prisoners.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2/2 9/16.

RENT VALUES.

WHAT DO LOCAL FIGURES
PROVE.

COMPARATIVE LIST.

Figures may be made to prove anything, some say. Whether that may be so or not, the following list will have its interest for a great many. It is of comparative rentals in different parts of the Colony and has been compiled by the "Kung Sheung Yat Po."

Firstly it should be pointed out that sizes, areas, etc., are not given, nor are rates (inclusive or exclusive) mentioned. In the vernacular, property coming under Rents Restriction Ordinance is classed as "old" and houses not within the scope of the Ordinance are described as "new." Hence the appearance of these two words in the table.

It will be seen that in every case the "unrestricted" property fetches more rent (presumably per month). In the list, this "new" class is specifically described as "houses which have been (altered) and reconstructed (to bring them outside the Ordinance)."

The article in the Chinese paper states that rentals for both "old" and "new" property are lower than of June, 1925.

In the course of his inquiries, the reporter of the "Kung Sheung Yat Po" ascertained that in the majority of cases — presuming that he is confining himself to Chinese tenements and shops — landlords of "old" property put on the 15 per cent. increase permitted as from July 1, 1925; whereas owners of "new" property lowered their rents by from 20 to 30 per cent., in response to requests by their tenants.

It should also be noted that the class of tenement is not given in the table, this being a very important factor in determining the earning power of Chinese property. The list follows.

Central District.

Dua Vaux Road Central: No. 111 (old, 4 storeys) \$450. No. 88 (new, 4 storeys) \$700.

Des Vaux Road Central: No. 256 (old, 4 storeys) \$195. No. 234 (new, 5 storeys) \$983.

Western District.

Des Vaux Road West: No. 208 (old, 3 storeys) \$180. No. 212 (new, 4 storeys) \$300.

First Street: No. 50 (old, 3 storeys) \$36. No. 45 (new, 4 storeys) \$140.

Second Street: No. 52 (old, 4 storeys) \$98.10. No. 45 (new, 4 storeys) \$220.

Third Street: No. 40 (old, 2 storeys) \$75. No. 42 (new, 4 storeys) \$134.

Queen's Road East: No. 280 (old, 3 storeys) \$145. No. 283 (new, 4 storeys) \$220.

Eastern District.

Wanchai Road: No. 121 (old, 2 storeys) \$65. No. 107 (new, 4 storeys) \$150.

Cross Street: No. 7 (old, 4 storeys) \$148.50. No. 2 (new, 4 storeys) \$270.

Tai Yuen Street: No. 11 (old, 3 storeys) \$73. No. 19 (new, 4 storeys) \$135.

Stone Nullah Lane: No. 53 (old, 2 storeys) \$43.70. No. 78 (new, 4 storeys) \$130.

Queen's Road East: No. 177 (old, 4 storeys) \$98. No. 200 (new, 4 storeys) \$250.

Shamshuipo.

Lai-chi-kok Road: No. 71 (old, 3 storeys) \$57. No. 76 (new, 4 storeys) \$99.

Keelung Street: No. 71 (old, 3 storeys) \$42. No. 51 (new, 3 storeys) \$160.

Nam Cheong Street: No. 80 (old, 3 storeys) \$96.70. No. 104 (new, 3 storeys) \$50.

Mongkokkai.

Shanghai Street: No. 484 (old, 3 storeys) \$60. No. 489 (new, 4 storeys) \$175.

Yau-mat.

Reclamation Street: No. 187 (old, 3 storeys) \$90. No. 138 (new, 4 storeys) \$312.

Shanghai Street: No. 285 (old, 3 storeys) \$120. No. 284 (new, 4 storeys) \$200.

Tenants' Association.

The Tenants' Protective Association is now framing a petition, with legal assistance, for presentation to the legislature, to ask for the retention of the whole or part of the Rents Ordinance — it having been gazetted that the law will be allowed to lapse on June 30, 1926. Signatures and chops will be canvassed in due course.

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COAL CRISIS.

HOME PAPER ON COMMISSIONS REPORT.

The study of the Coal Commission's report, so far as it can be justly appreciated without the evidence and appendices in the unpublished second and third volumes to which it refers, will leave most readers with mixed feelings. As an account of the present position of the industry, and the circumstances by which it has been brought about, the report leaves little to be desired. The urgency with which an early conclusion was needed is not disguised, and at times has tended to curtail the detail into which the enquiry was pursued, perhaps with no detriment to the result; but the report covers the whole ground with a deliberation and clearness that shows no sign of haste, and for years to come it is likely to be valued as a good and impartial analysis of the subject and, perhaps, the most useful available collection of authentic data bearing on it. When, however, passing from its historical description and varied evidence with which the Commission had to deal, the report passes to the constructive suggestions for which the whole country has been waiting, it loses the grip of the situation that it appeared to have. Its recommendations seem unlikely to be approved by either of the parties to the enquiry; but, indeed, even if they were adopted by both, they would not be adequate to the emergency. The large majority of them, even if they were all desirable and practicable, which is by no means admitted on all competent hands, could not come into operation for a long time; and the industry is so placed that much of it must have collapsed long before then if measures immediately applicable cannot be found.

Whatever else may be done—and much must be done, before the industry will be again on its feet, and its customer industries are satisfied enough as to its stability to resume their normal ordering—the increase of wages procured because of the few months' vanished boom, and the reduction of hours by which the miners are distinguished from all other workers in the country, must be renounced. The miners have, in fact, been at issue not with the owners, but with the users, and the issue has been, shortly, whether the users will pay them as much more money than other unskilled workmen as they ask for working as much shorter hours. In the most practical way the users have declined; and it is to the users that any concession has to be made. The owners can derive no advantage from it without sharing the advantage automatically with the workers under the existing agreement; and the workers stand in a common need with the owners of every advantage that they can derive from what remedial measures can be promptly taken. Not the least of the advantages they would reap would be the return of the disposition to venture more in the business of the mines, from which the uncertainty of the temper of their men seems to be a principal deterrent.—Engineering.

FENG YU-HSIANG.

IS HE IN HIDING IN SHENSI.

A usually well informed correspondent writes to the "N. C. Daily News" of April 22:—It is reliably reported that Feng Yu-hsiang is neither dead nor in Russia serving as a mechanic or otherwise, but that he has unostentatiously returned to Shensi. He is reported to have been seen on his arrival there by foreigners and Chinese who know him well. He is said to be staying, or was a few days ago, at Sanyuan, a small place 90 li from Sian, the capital.

All the other reports, therefore, our correspondent is convinced are bluffs to conceal his whereabouts.

The Cordoba Central Railway, Argentina, has ordered 15 locomotives from the North British Locomotive Company, Limited, of Victoria-street, Westminster, and 5 from Messrs. Kitson & Company, Limited, of Leeds. The total value is about £120,000. An order for a 2,440-ton cargo steamer has been secured by Messrs. S. P. Austin and Son, Sunderland, from the South Metropolitan Gas Company.

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BALLET VISIT.

MELE. XENIA. MAKLETZOFF AGAIN.

THIS WEEK'S SHOWING.

Xenia Makletzoff has been described by the greatest critics as second only to Pavlova in her art. Those who were at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, some weeks ago, when she appeared for a very short season were loud in their praises.

This favourite is to be seen here again. Apparently she has now joined the Moscow State Ballet (formerly the Russian Imperial Ballet) with her partner, Mr. D. Bines.

They have been very successful in Shanghai and will open at the Queen's Theatre on Friday.

"The Fire Bird" will be presented. It is described as an Oriental ballet in two parts and is adapted from the Arabian tale of 1,001 nights.

After the interval a ballet-variété will be presented in two parts in which all the stars, together with the whole company, will be seen at their respective best.

VISIT OF RUSSIAN BALLET.



"The Disaster of Dionysus," with Mue Panoff and Mr. Volsky and the ballet ensemble, to be presented by the Moscow State Ballet at the Queen's Theatre at the next change of programme on Sunday.

NEAT COMPLIMENT.

FOREIGN ADMINISTRATION OF BANKS.

CHINESE TRUST.

Under the arresting title, "Love in Action," the head of Hangchow Hospital has laid bare his heart, and it were well (says the "China Press") that the first part at least of the annual report he has prepared could be translated and sent broadcast among the millions of Chinese who have benefited by the efforts of Dr. Duncan Main and the other thousands of medical missionaries who have laboured here for so many decades. How little we thought, he says, at the beginning of the year that our students would leave us in a body and that we should have to pass through such a time of anti-British and anti-foreign hatred. Yet Dr. Main is not a bit pessimistic and deems it the most important thing to-day to be able to try to see and understand the other man's viewpoint.

Happy is the man who believes in his fellow, for it is better, asserts Dr. Main, to be deceived in some things than to be suspicious in all things, and he adds, if you want to borrow trouble, there are always people willing to lend it without security. While pointing out that the anti-foreign agitation, though now grown faint, may be revived and the clamour to get rid of all foreigners may recrudescence, yet a great work has been accomplished and the work will last no matter what happens to the worker.

The bitter part of the whole sorry business is that during this crucial process of transition which Chinese thought is undergoing, in comes the strange doctrine of Bolshevism, which is just the opposite to that in China's ancient civilisation, and the principles which they have always believed in, and if it spreads, things will go from bad to worse. Dr. Main expresses the profound hope that the Chinese will fight the demon Bolshevism with a unity that is strength and devote themselves to internal reform and development, and leave other things of less importance alone. He says:

It is too soon really for China to demand cancellation of old treaties with countries that are her best friends and willing to help her out of all her troubles. These will come in due time when China has put her house in order and is a real China and can trust herself, and can be wholly and fully trusted by the world. She is very much struck by the fact

MANSEL PLEYDELL.

APPEAL DISMISSED.

At the High Court to-day Mr. Justice Zeffel dismissed the appeal of Mansel Pleydell, the Controller of the Army Canteen Board, in the Simla riches case, and upheld the judgment of the Sessions Judge at Simla, which sentenced him to 18 months' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 4,000.—"Associated Press."

SEARCH FOR COMET.

European astronomers have been keeping a sharp look-out for the new Encke's comet, which was expected to be in the heavens towards the end of January, and so far no one has been able to locate it.

The comet was easily seen at Johannesburg in the last days of January, and it should have been bright early in March, but although British astronomers searched for it on the morning of March 5 they failed to find it.

An astronomer at the Royal Observatory in Greenwich said that the comet had probably lost its gases and disappeared.

ADVERTISING.

LORD DEWAR'S TRIBUTE.

SCOTSMEN AND ECONOMY.

The eighth banquet of the National Advertising Benevolent Society was presided over by Sir William Berry. Founded in 1913, the primary object of the society was to form a fund for the purpose of giving assistance in cases of distress. Since its foundation over £26,000 has been expended in benevolence, and this year's festival—a function which is relied upon considerably to augment the income of the fund—produced close upon £7,500. Included in this amount was a gift of 1,000 guineas from the chairman, and also a special donation of £500 from Mr. Wareham Smith to found the first scholarship, which will be named the "Jane Wareham Smith" scholarship, in memory of his wife.

Sir William Berry, proposing the toast of "The National Advertising Benevolent Society," said he thought the present a most appropriate time to advertise the society, for whatever else might be happening in other businesses there was no doubt that advertising was flourishing. Advertising rates might be higher than they were, perhaps not as high as they should be—(laughter)—but even so, one had only to look at the records to see how well the advertisers were doing. Despite the higher advertising rates, the great London stores were making higher profits, and when he looked around he saw plenty of evidence that advertising in general was doing well. "This is a Rolls-Royce age in advertising," declared Sir William. "Advertising has already founded itself as one of the most productive industries in Great Britain, and in these circumstances I am an optimist, and I feel that optimism is justified. But even in the most flourishing businesses there were some who fell by the way, and it was for such as those in the advertising world that the society existed. (Hear, hear.)"

Mr. James Strong, honorary treasurer, replying, said they would not be content until the business of advertising had established its own school for its orphans, its convalescent home for its own sick, and perhaps, a home for its aged people. They believed that advertising was big enough and important enough to support its own institutions.

Lord Dewar, proposing the toast of "The Visitors" in a racy speech, said those who were getting mellowed with age and whose chins were beginning to lead double lives would remember the time when the socially elect of the old country, families positively shuddered at the very mention of advertisement. But tempora mutantur. To-day in society and in many spheres of human activity many were doing it who did not pay for space. (Laughter.) If advertising suddenly ceased in many social circles the floods of charity would be absolutely strewn with the dead deserts of those struggling to climb the social ladder. (Laughter.) Economy proceeded Lord Dewar, was a word which was most keenly discussed in the House of Commons recently. That word had been familiar to his compatriots for centuries. "I should like to suggest," he added, "that Mr. Thomas, seeing he has more influence than any man I know, should appoint a Scottish economy committee, for, have not Scotsmen matriculated in frugal frugality for more years than I should like to say, and have we not graduated with high honours in the utilitarian cause of economy for many generations?" (Laughter.) And the chairman of that committee should be an Aberdonian.

"If you persistently advertise a good article," concluded Lord Dewar, "the public will make a beaten track to your door. If you advertise a bad article you may cast your bread upon the waters, and you will be very lucky if you ever see it again. There is still great prosperity in advertising. There is a horizon of hope for the trade of the country, and hope is the undergarment of optimism. (Laughter and cheers.) The stubborn determination of the British people would defeat anything, and he had great confidence in the sound common-sense of the British working man when led by men like Mr. J. H. Thomas, with whose name he coupled the toast. (Cheers.)"

A TESTING TIME.

The Right Hon. J. H. Thomas M.P., responding, said he did not

A GOOD LAMENT.

RUE CHAMBERLAIN'S Faint Heart on the subject of the advertising trade, and the condition of the business, and the fact that it is a very much struck by the fact

EASTER AT HOME.

HOTTEST FOR 85 YEARS.

London, April 6. The hottest Easter for 85 years was thoroughly enjoyed by Londoners.

Apart from the unprecedented exodus to the Continent, especially to France, English seaside resorts were unusually crowded.

It is remarkable that there was freedom from accidents and police court cases. For instance, at Southend, not a single case of drunkenness was reported, and at Hampstead, which was visited by half-a-million people, there were only four cases of drunkenness in the Police Court.

In four days at Brighton 21,000 motor-cars passed the Aquarium, a once notorious danger spot, without a mishap.—"Times of Ceylon."

troubled period; it is true that our troubles are great and that we are passing a testing time; but just as it is true that clay goes through fire, and comes out purer and stronger, so this Old Country is going through the fire, and it will not emerge by all of us being pessimists. Neither will it succeed if each section plays its own hand, or by any claim of class or creed superiority. It will only succeed by our recognising that we have had handed down to us a heritage of which we are proud, and that it is our duty to hand it on to our successors unscathed. (Cheers.)—"Daily Telegraph."

LIBEL SUIT.

RS. 2,000 AWARDED AGAINST "THE ENGLISHMAN".

Calcutta, March 31.—Subhas Chandra Bose, Chief Executive Officer of the Calcutta Corporation, has been awarded Rs. 2,000 in damages for a libel published by "The Englishman" Limited, and the editor of the "Englishman."

The article containing the libel was published in the "Englishman" on November 18, 1924, immediately after Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose's arrest under the Bengal Ordinance and hinted at his complicity with revolutionary activities. It was alleged that the defendants made the statement maliciously and that it was without foundation.

The relief which the plaintiff claimed was damages for Rs. 50,000, or such other sum as the court deemed proper.

The defendants admitted that they acted wrongfully, but added that they acted without malice.

His lordship said, in his opinion, there was reason to suppose that a malicious intention was present in view of the defendants' expressing their regret for the statement complained of, the only question for consideration was one of damages. There was no doubt that plaintiff was a man in a very prominent position in Calcutta. But having given his best consideration to the matter, Rs. 2,000, in his lordship's opinion, would be a fair amount to be awarded as damages, and a decree for that amount with costs was made.

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PLAIN, all colours	27 0.85 0.50
FIJI, plain, super.	29 1.40 0.95
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PALACE CREPE	
" plain	27 1.75 1.30
CREPE DE CHINE	2.25 1.65
SATIN CREPE	1.90 1.45
SPUN CREPE	
" striped	2.50 1.90
GEORGETTE, plain	40 1.60 1.10
CHARMEUSE	27 4.50 3.15
PRINTED SILK	2.50 1.45
TAFETTA	3.00 2.15
SATIN BROCADE	3.50 2.65
MAHARAJAH	5.00 3.20
VELVET	
" GEORGETTE	15.00 6.90

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" Phoenix	3.00 2.15
" Pagoda	2.50 1.75
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"ALFORD"	5,273	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & Bombay
"MAKEDONIA"	11,089	1st May	Marseilles & London
"KASABAR"	8,005	18th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"PERM"	8,949	25th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	2nd June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MIRAPORA"	8,715	9th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KRYER"	9,114	16th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,902	23rd June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARMALA"	8,148	30th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"RANPURA"	18,583	7th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DELTA"	10,941	14th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	11,089	21st Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MAKEDONIA"	8,144	4th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	11th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASABAR"	8,005	18th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp

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"TILWA"	10,000	27th April	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"SANTIA"	7,754	1st May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TALMA"	8,018	8th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"SHIRALA"	10,000	15th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

Ship	Tonnage	From HONGKONG (ABOUT)	Destination
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th May	Manila, Kolambagan, Sandakan
"TANDA"	8,858	1st June	Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.

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"GAMBHIRA"	5,457	27th April	Shanghai
"SHIRALA"	8,114	30th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TANDA"	8,858	4th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Osaka
"MALWA"	10,941	14th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. L. s.s. "Benrooch" from
Hull, Middlesbrough, Rotterdam, Ant-
werp and London is due to arrive
here to-day.

The P. & O. s.s. "Khiva" from
Hongkong arrived London on
April 24 at 8 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Asia," Capt. L. D. Douglas, R.N.R.,
Commander, will leave here for
Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, and
Yokohama at noon on April 30.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Australia" left Yokohama on April
24, and is due at Vancouver on
May 5.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Canada" left Vancouver for Hong-
kong, via Japan ports and Shang-
hai, on April 17 and is due here
on May 5.

The s.s. "Ceylon" (Swedish East
Asiatic Co. Ltd.), left Antwerp on
April 4 and is due here on or about
May 12.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Cargo ex s.s. "Bendoran" re-
maining undelivered after May 1
will be subject to rent. Agents—
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Consignees of cargo ex s.s.
"Langton Hall" are reminded that
goods remaining in the Godowns
undelivered after May 3 will be
subject to rent.

I have heard the singing of a
bird.

I have heard the tom-cat wail.

There is just one thing I have
never heard—

The blubber of a whale.

I, too, have heard the song of a
bird.

And the tom-cat's wail so free.

There's one other thing I've never
heard—

The bark of a dogwood tree.

HONGKONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has
been obtained by aid of the Tide-
predicting Machine, which in-
cludes 40 components for the better
prediction of tides, from the re-
sult of the analysis of the tidal
observations, taken at the Kauling
tidal observatory under the direc-
tion of Dr. Doherty during the
years 1887, 1888, and 1889.

The times and heights are given
for Kauling; but they may be used
for the Victoria Naval yard and
Aberdeen, the differences being
very small.

The times of high and low water
must not be considered to coincide
with the times of slack-water and
change of current, the two
phenomena being quite distinct.

April 23 to 29, 1926.

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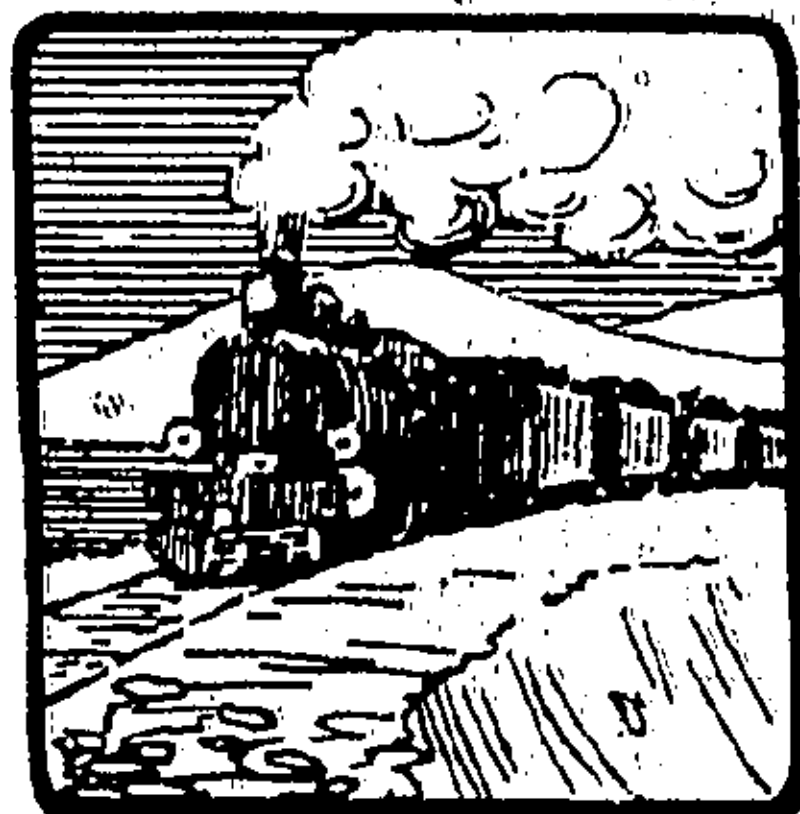
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BIRTHS.

DE BURGH-THOMAS.—On April 17, at Pulau Bulang, to the wife of Mr. A. de Burgh-Thomas, M.C., a daughter, DUGUID.—On April 16, at the Maternity Hospital, Penang, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Duguid, a son.

MARRIAGE.

CROWHURST-KENDALL.—At Kuala Kangsar, on April 8, Harold Crowhurst, of Kati Estate, Kuala Kangsar, to Evelyn Mary Kendall, daughter of the late Paul Kendall and Mrs. Kendall, of Guildford.

DEATHS.

GREMINGER.—At 95-2, Thomson Road, Singapore, on April 17, 1926, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Greminger, aged three weeks. JONES.—On April 15, 1926, at Montana, Switzerland, after a long and heroic struggle, Edith, beloved wife of W. H. Jones, late of Malacca, Negri Sembilan and Pahang. MUMFORD.—The death occurred at the Europe Hotel, Singapore, on April 17, of Mr. John Kimberly Mumford, of the Town of Watkins, in the State of New York.

Hongkong, Tuesday, April 27, 1926.

ODIOUS COMPARISONS.

Of all the dry-as-dust Gazettes published by any Government that issued locally must easily rank as first. Naturally there is no attempt at "frills"—nobody exactly desires these—the ideal (?) being to make everything as stodge and flat as possible. There is the usual list of appointments which His Excellency the Governor has been "pleased" to make; the minutes of the previous Legislative Council; texts of Bills to be introduced into the Legislature; notices to mariners; quarantine measures; and so on. As a record of the present period it is hopeless. As a Government "organ" it is vastly out of tune save and except for the one fact that everything within its limited pages is strictly official. And there is the usual list of tenders for various works and goods, which, to be seen by the persons who ought to be concerned in submitting prices, should be published as well in the daily newspapers.

In comparison with the Hongkong Government Gazette, the Municipal Gazette, the official

organ of the Council for the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai, is distinctly bright and readable. It publishes changes in the personnel of the Diplomatic Corps, Volunteer Corps Orders, and reports by the Watch Committee on hotels, taverns, and restaurants (which give the list of applications and the manner of dealing with them). Space is given to road extensions and widenings, sales of Municipal properties, excerpts from minutes of the Works Committee, the Public Utilities Committee, the Foreign Education Committee (Hongkong Board of Education, please note!) Municipal staff changes, extracts from the order books of each week relative to every phase of Municipal activity, and even a Municipal Band programme (on which, by the way, Mrs. Boves-Smith, of Hongkong, figures prominently).

Nor does the up-to-date spirit end here, for there are very useful reports for March by the Commissioner of Police and the Acting Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade. The Police report, in itself, is valuable. It not only gives statistics of crime, but it reviews in an intelligent manner the main events concerning the Police Force during the month. It comments on the local agitation against the Central Government, anti-foreign agitation, lawlessness in Chinese territory, the awakening of the Chinese to the dangers of Bolshevism, Russian affairs, and political matters. There is even a small section devoted to dogs—the number in the kennels, the number seized by the Police, the number shot, and so forth. Next follows the report on the Fire Brigade for March.

It will be seen that there is no waiting in Shanghai for annual reports of Departments to be issued any time from six to eighteen months after the close of a year! Monthly reports are prepared and published as soon as possible in the Municipal Gazette. Every ratepayer within the Shanghai Municipality is apprised through the Gazette of everything that he ought to know.

Recently something was said of the need for a brighter Hongkong. Why not begin with a brighter Government Gazette? If it can be done in Shanghai by the Municipality, why not in Hongkong by the Government? The suggestion is thrown out in the hope that one of the enterprising Unofficial members of the Legislative Council will take it up with the authorities with a view at least to improving on the dry-as-dust organ issued by the Government at present.

MONEYLENDERS.

Hongkong has long since attended to the question of moneylenders. Money lending is an every day fact of business and social life. Without it many would find it hard to function. Moneylenders, however, is generally speaking, a term to denote a class who lend money at a high rate of interest. In Hongkong, moneylenders are registered. They seem to belong to one class of the community and their operations seem to be done with another class. We are not certain if

the regulations permitting them to carry on business stipulates the maximum interest they may charge. Such does not seem to be the case, bearing in mind that it has happened that the Court has expressed itself clearly on the question of what is a reasonable interest. At Home, the crying scandal of unregistered moneylenders has long been in evidence. They operate chiefly amongst the poorer classes, and transactions, in number at any rate, are upon a colossal scale. Much of the misery in slum quarters can be traced to their work. Greed has killed all signs of benevolence or charity. Much would have much more—full measure, pressed down, and running over. The House of Commons has given ear to a private Bill—which the Government will support—to control moneylenders. They are to be licensed and licences will only be given upon the submission of certificates fulfilling certain qualifications. There are other conditions which will lead to greater control. The one thing that surprises those interested in social questions is that forty-eight per cent is laid down as the rate of interest for loans, "but this is not intended to be the maximum." There seems here to be an encouragement to all and sundry to indulge in a Wallingfordian effort to get rich quickly. Surely forty-eight per cent, as a seeming minimum, is outrageous!

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE DAVIS CUP PLAYERS.

(To the Editor of the China Mail).

Sir,—With reference to the visit of the Filipino Davis Cup players, it is fairly obvious that the Hongkong Cricket Club ground will be unfit for play on Thursday. Would it not be possible for the matches to be played on the green hard court at the Ladies' Recreation Club, providing, of course, that the weather is reasonably favourable.

Yours etc., A. E. E.

"THE PERFECT HUSBAND."

ST. ANDREW'S YOUNG MEN'S CLUB.

As a finale to their series of popular winter social gatherings, the St. Andrew's Young Men's Club are staging on Friday, a play taken from the Chinese, entitled "A Perfect Husband."

The play has been translated by Mrs. M. K. Vessouma, who is also producing it with the assistance of Mr. E. M. Doodha and other friends. Mr. Doodha has been responsible for providing the correct costumes. The cast is as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Wu, Rev. Geo. E. Arrowsmith and Mrs. M. K. Vessouma. Kwai Fah (Wu's daughter), Mr. P. Sands. Mr. and Mrs. Yeung, Mr. R. Nicholls and Miss M. Mason. Yeung Tau (Yeung's son)—The Perfect Husband, Frank N. W. Doodha. Mui Heung (a slave or mute), Miss M. White. Male attendants, Messrs. Mackenzie and F. Nicholls. Pak Kap (a marriage broker), Mr. J. H. Bannister.

CAR SMASHES INTO TREE.

An extraordinary accident involving serious consequences befel a party of sailors from H.M.S. "Hawkins" on the way from Port Swettenham to Kuala Lumpur on April 19. The party, which consisted of five, were travelling by car. When about six miles from Kuala Lumpur, on a straight bit of road, the car suddenly left the road and went against a rubber tree. Two sailors were badly injured and removed to hospital. The car was very badly damaged. It is believed that the steering wheel gave way. "Straits Times."

"Leave the room," said the teacher, and she started to make some apologies to the superintendent. As James meekly closed the door behind him, the superintendent said to the teacher, very gravely: "Bring that boy back in here. I don't like the look in his eyes. I think he did."

DEPARTURES.

LINKS WITH COLONY'S PAST BROKEN.

MR. AND MRS. A. DENISON.

By the departure of Mr. and Mrs. A. Denison to-day old links with the Colony are broken. As an architect and civil engineer, Mr. Denison has played an important part in the rapid development of the Colony, his early work here including the design and construction of the original Taikoo Sugar Refining Company, the No. 1 Dock at Kowloon, and the Kowloon Wharves and Godowns.

Mr. Denison, who is able to look back long prior to the construction of the Peak tram, has thus witnessed practically the entire development of the Peak as a residential district. He was one of the pioneers at the Magazine Gap and Kennedy Roads districts.

Having first arrived here in 1881 and working in conjunction with the late Mr. W. Danby, he has been known in more recent years as the senior partner in the firm of Messrs. Denison, Ram and Gibbs. Mr. Denison entered into partnership with Mr. E. A. Ram in 1897 and they were joined in 1900 by Mr. L. Gibbs. Mr. Denison retired from the firm in March of last year.

Mr. Denison's favourite recreation has always been yachting and he is one of the oldest members and a past Commodore of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Denison were married in 1892. Mrs. Denison being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Grant Smith, two very old residents of the Colony, and a niece of the late Mr. Findlay Smith who was a resident here for nearly sixty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Denison leave to-day by the s.s. "President Hayes" and will carry with them the good wishes of a very large number of friends among whom they have spent the greater part of their lives.

AMATEUR 'TEC.

ALLEGED PLOT TO KILL HUSBAND.

TEA-HOUSE WHISPERS.

How an alleged plot in which a wife is concerned, to kill her husband, was revealed by an amateur detective who followed up a clue, is now being investigated by the police.

Yesterday, the Yaumati Police Court was crowded with spectators who wanted to see what the woman looked like but they were denied.

It is alleged that a young barber was in a tea-house with several bad characters. From snatches of their conversation, a Chinese suspected that something was amiss. He trailed them to different places in Yaumati and then informed the Police.

The husband in the case is the master of a rich depot. His wife is middle-aged and they have been married for about twenty years. The master of the house recently took a concubine. He is said to be in the habit of visiting a friend's house regularly every night to partake of opium. The amateur detective is believed to have seen the barber, and one of the gang of rowdies—a man with one eye—standing outside the friend's house to identify the husband. The barber and the one-eyed man are alleged to have conversed in the tea-house where the plot was hatched. Ten dollars "bargain money" is stated to have been paid over by the barber five dollars went for "expenses" and the balance of \$50, out of a total of \$100 promised for the job, was deposited with a shop. Half of the deposit receipt is said to have been found on the barber, who in turn is suspected of having been given the money by the woman.

The barber and the woman are now in custody, pending inquiries. When the detective went to the rendezvous, he arrested—after a struggle—the one-eyed man, on whom was found a dagger. On a charge of being in possession with an unlawful motive, this man was yesterday sentenced to a year's hard labour.

TWO DOG BITES.

A Chinese meter inspector of the P.W.D. went yesterday to a Chinese residence at Babington Path to examine the water service and was bitten in the leg by a dog belonging to the house. He was sent to the Government Civil Hospital and the animal to Kennedy Town.

Similar action was taken in the case of a chair coolie who was bitten by a bull terrier owned by Mr. J. M. Walker of No. 76, The Peak.

"SUSPICIOUS."

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S NEW ROLE.

CAUGHT A THIEF.

While at Shaikwan Road yesterday, Sanitary Inspector Taylor overheard a washerman's complaint to another that he lost a quantity of clothing put out to dry. Shortly after, the Inspector was proceeding on his motor cycle along the reclamation when he spied a man carrying a bundle in circumstances which appeared to be suspicious. A search brought to light the missing clothing, which was identified by the owner.

These facts were mentioned by Sub-Inspector Field when the man was charged with larceny before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning and a plea of "guilty" was tendered.

The sentence was fourteen days' hard labour.

BOMB CASE.

LAST OF ARRESTED MEN DISCHARGED.

NO EVIDENCE.

The charge of possession of bomb material at No. 24, Yee Wo Street, Causeway Bay, against the last of the arrested men (two having already been discharged) was dropped at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Sub-Inspector Field said that about fourteen coolies lived at the house and it was hard to get evidence against one particular man. He was satisfied with the further investigations he had made and did not wish to proceed with the case.

(The Magistrate (Mr. Lindsell) accordingly discharged the man.)

SKIPPER'S LUCK.

STOLEN WATCH FOUND IN PAWN.

ARTICLE RESTORED.

The \$540 gold watch stolen from the cabin of Captain Inglis of the s.s. "Seistan" was traced to a pawnshop, but the person who pledged it failed to be located.

Det.-Inspector Pinecott applied at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for an order under section 24 of the Pawnbrokers' Ordinance for the surrender of the watch without payment.

The necessary order was made after proof of ownership and the evidence of the pawnbroker.

HIT IN THE EYE.

CHARGE AGAINST AMERICAN SEAMAN.

A STRIKE THREAT.

Harold Little, a member of the "President Jefferson" crew, was sentenced to one week's imprisonment and was further ordered to pay \$5 as compensation in an assault case heard at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Evidence showed that while on the way to the ship words passed between him and a cargo coolie and the man was hit in the eye. Following this incident all the coolies wanted to go on strike, but they were persuaded not to do so.

PEAK RESIDENTS.

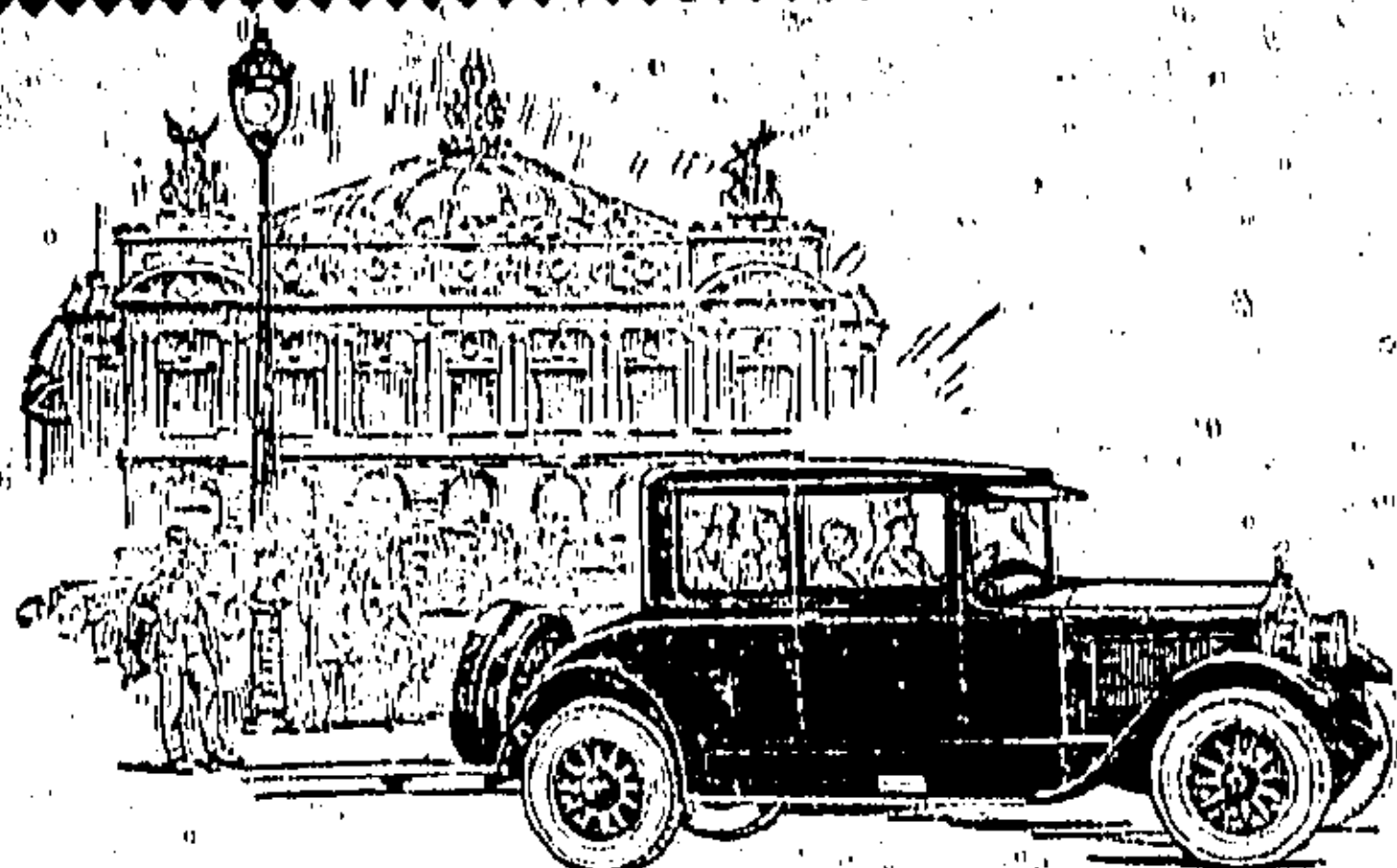
OFFICERS FOR CURRENT YEAR ELECTED.

Reference was made at a meeting of the Peak Residents' Association yesterday for the purpose of electing officers for the current year to the emergency work of the Association during the year and confidence was expressed that in the future, whether under normal or abnormal conditions, the Association would work with the interests at heart of residents in the Peak and elsewhere.

Mr. D. J. Lewis was elected chairman and Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, vice-chairman. Mr. E. B. C. Hornall was re-elected honorary secretary. The following committee was also constituted:—Mrs. B. Davidson, Dr. C. D. R. Black, Messrs. H. A. Nisbet, P. S. Cassidy, A. Murdoch, F. C. Hall, W. C. Shiner and A. S. MacKichan.

Mistaking camphor oil for Chinese medicine, a Chinese drank some of it and had to be taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday.

While at work in Queen's Road Central yesterday, a Chinese received a lacerated wound in the knee and had to be taken to the Government Civil Hospital.



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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Licences for two-seater taxi-cabs in London were issued last month.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs of America observed April 18 to 25 as Garden Week.

The Rotary Clubs of America have organised their communities for the observance of Boys' week from April 26 to May 1.

The inter-school sports take place to-morrow on the Hong-kong Football ground. H.E. the Governor will present the awards at 4.30 p.m.

An "American divorce" is infinitely more moral than a "British separation," declared Mrs. M. L. Setten-Tiedeman, one of the leaders of the movement for the reform of British divorce laws, in an interview with the United Press.

The New York Board of the Canton Christian College started a nation-wide "drive" on April 8 for funds for the College, for \$2,500,000, "to ameliorate the financial crisis the institution has suffered during the recent critical times in Kwangtung Province."

The present cold wave is due to spots on the sun, which will also cause this summer to be unusually hot, according to Prof. Sakurai Fujiwara of the Central Meteorological Observatory, Tokyo. "Abnormal conditions are expected all this year. The growth of mulberry trees and tea plants has already been somewhat retarded."

The housing shortage necessitated the eviction of a mother and daughter from rooms in Montmartre, Paris, by means of tear gas. The landlord wanted the rooms for his own son. The women pleaded that the daughter was born in the flat, and it was impossible to find shelter elsewhere. As they continued to ignore the law, the police were called in. Gas was poured in until the women were compelled to open the door, with tears streaming over their faces.

Two hundred "down-and-outs" helped to fight the flames when fire broke out at the Salvation Army hostel and waste-paper factory in Spa Road, Raymondsey. The hostel is one where destitute men are given employment long enough to re-establish themselves in society.

The following is being told in London: A donkey and a fiver were standing side by side. The donkey said: "What do you call yourself?" The fiver replied: "Why, I am a motorcar. What are you?" The donkey, staggered for a moment, but recovered and said: "I? Why, I—I'm a horse."

The largest French liner afloat, the Ile-de-France, of 40,500 tons, just built at Saint Nazaire for the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique, was launched by M. Mario Roustan, Under-Secretary of State for the Mercantile Marine. Her length is 787 ft., beam 60 ft., and draught 31 ft. 6 in., and her estimated speed 21 knots.

It is announced in London that the operation of laying the first cable of "loaded" type between Cocos Island and Fremantle, a distance of 1,800 nautical miles, was completed on March 15. The new wires will feed 2,100 letters per minute, compared with the existing line's 145 words. The result is obtained by winding round the core strips of new metal, capable of carrying additional current.

Singing as a cure for dumbness has been tried with remarkable results by the Vocal Therapy Society of London, of which the Duke of York is president.

"One man who was practically dumb regained his speech completely by this method," said Miss K. S. Malden, the secretary. "A dumb ex-Serviceman came to us for treatment. He took part in the singing classes, and after a time was able, with great difficulty, to articulate a few words. We persevered with him, and in a short time he was able to sing simple words. To-day, after only two years, he is a prosperous commercial traveller in the north of England."

The third yearly meeting of Chinese Estates, Ltd., is to be held on Thursday, May 6.

The first ordinary yearly meeting of the Rural Land Investment Co., Ltd., is to be held at the Company's offices, Asiatic Building, on Thursday, April 29, at noon.

Senders of telegrams to Shanghai and beyond are informed that, owing to faulty cable connection, telegrams to and from Shanghai and beyond are subject to delay.

An Aneta report received from Tokyo states that the ex-King of Korea is seriously ill. Crown Prince Kikong has postponed his intended trip to Europe in consequence.

The Kailash Mining Administration notify that the total output of the Administration's mines for the week ending April 10, 1926, amounted to 70,654 tons, and the sales during the period to 17,678 tons.

News has been received in Kobe of the return to Japan sometime next September of the Denishawn Dancers, whose visit here last year was very successful. The troupe is now in India. They made a great impression in Hongkong.

At the annual meeting of the Japanese Residents' Association officers were elected as follows:—President: Mr. S. Kinoshita, manager of the N.Y.K. Vice-President: Mr. T. Takagi, manager of the Bank of Taiwan; and treasurer, Mr. S. Okubo, of the M.B.K.

Replying to Mr. Havelock Wilson's appeal for assistance on behalf of women and children who are suffering from want, owing to the seamen's strike, the ship owners intimated that while logically there is no case for such a request the ship owners, though their own losses are enormous, did not desire to withhold help. He added that they had already paid large sums to seamen's dependants, even during the strike.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. W. R. Griggs of the P.W.D. and Mrs. Griggs leave on holiday on Saturday next. Mrs. Griggs has been organist at St. Peter's Church.

After 42 years' lifeboat service, Mr. Stephen Clayton has resigned the post of coxswain of the Margate boat, which he has held for 20 years.

A social evening in connection with St. Peter's Church is to be held on Thursday next in the Cathedral Hall. Proceeds are to go to the repair fund.

Mr. R. R. Jackson, aged 33, Acting Manager of Harrison & Crossfield, Ltd., has died at Kobe. Mr. Jackson, who came from Australia, was prominent in social and athletic circles in Kobe.

It may not be generally known that Sir Arthur Yapp who addresses a Y.M.C.A. meeting on Friday gained his title for his services at the Food Ministry during the war. He is a popular figure in Lancashire.

With characteristic thoughtfulness, the King has made arrangements that the Honourable Charlotte Knollys shall continue the use of the private brougham in which she used to drive for so many years while secretary to Queen Alexandra. The brougham will be kept for Miss Knollys in the King's stables.

The Queen of the Belgians has just had made for her a silver jumper, which is likely to set an entirely new fashion. Everybody knows that the Queen of the Belgians is one of the best-dressed Sovereigns. She chooses her clothes with great taste, and wears them in a way that is the admiration of even the great dress-makers in Paris.

The top hat worn by the late Dan Leno at his last performance at the old Tivoli was sold by auction at the London Coliseum, on Sunday evening, March 28, during a great all-star entertainment in aid of the principal music hall charity, the Variety Artists' Benevolent Fund and Institution. There was also auctioned the wig worn by the late Herbert Campbell as Widow Twankey in his last performance at Drury Lane, as well as one of the two Dutch shoes worn by Happy Fanny Fields during her farewell performance at the Coliseum—the shoe being signed and dated by Miss Fields.

The Rev. E. Warburton, makes the suggestion that all candidates for the ministry should work for a year or two in a factory.

Five postcards addressed to Councillor H. G. Tosseland of Epping, and members of his family, posted in Christiania, Norway, on June 29, 1918, have just been received.

The late Mrs. Lee Po-sham, of No. 7, West Terrace, left estate to the value of \$1,050,900. She bequeathed her fortune amongst her family. Probate of the will has just been granted.

Sir Basil Zaharoff has written to deny the rumour that he is the largest shareholder in the Casino of Monte Carlo. "During the forty winters, I have spent there," he says, "I have never entered the Casino, which in no way interests me." It is a wise rich man who does not wish to be richer.

A legacy for a missing son is contained in the will of Sir Thomas Pink, the well-known jam-maker and yachtsman. Sir Thomas, who was head of Messrs. E. and T. Pink, Ltd., left \$276,088, and devised:—A life annuity of \$750 for the benefit of my son, Thomas Bernard Pink, to become payable only when my said son shall make actual application therefor, as I have lost all trace of him since 1914.

By the judgment of Lord Merivale in the Probate Court, Mrs. Frances Booth, of Hawstead, Bury St. Edmunds, became entitled to the estate, valued at \$11,000, of her husband, Colonel Booth, under his will made in 1882, when he was ordered to Egypt on active service. The will was destroyed in a fire at the colonel's house in 1916. The colonel died last year, aged 80. Defendants in the case were relatives who were interested in the event of an intestacy.

Princess Mary has many domestic interests, but these do not overshadow her love of gardens, and especially of rock gardens. Last year the Princess had part of the terrace in front of Goldborough Hall laid out with blocks of York-shire stone, through crevices of which tiny Alpine plants are now beginning to shoot. Those which flower have tiny blue petals, and the herbaceous border in this part of the garden is also largely made up of blue flowers, so that the effect is very charming when the garden is in full bloom.

A new theatre at Croydon will be opened by the Duke of York in October.

A woman carrying a pet seagull in her arms has been seen walking in Holborn.

Mr. W. L. Kerr, of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd., has left for England on furlough. Mr. Kerr is well known in Kobe, and also in Rugby circles.

Son of the late Mr. George Bradshaw (founder of Bradshaw's Railway Guide), Mr. W. Bradshaw, of Ellesmere Park, Lancashire, printer and publisher, left \$39,703. He owned the unique collection of railway literature shown at Wembley and other exhibitions.

Mr. Richard Katz, staff correspondent of the Berlin Vossische Zeitung, is making a visit to Japan for several weeks on behalf of his paper. Mr. Katz came after spending some time in Hawaii and Samoa, and expects to go from Japan to America.

"I direct that under no circumstances is an Englishman to be appointed as rector." This clause, leaving the adaption of All Saints' Raheny, to Bishop Plunkett, appears in the will of Lady Ardilaun, of Dublin, and Macroom, County Cork, who has left \$931,676.

The best short stories appearing in the English periodicals just now are those signed: "Georges Clemenceau." His "Demosthenes," a work analysing the character and fortunes of the great Greek, is acknowledged to be the best production of the year in French letters. Now eighty-four years old and but lately recovered from a serious illness, the "Tiger" is at work upon another book to be issued shortly. This is a philosophical study in four volumes, entitled "Life."

During a debate at a meeting of Greenwich Borough Council, Mrs. Curtis, a councillor who recently passed over from the Conservative to the Labour ranks, opened a red parasol, and commenced to clean it with a pocket handkerchief. The Mayor observed that he thought it would be as well if the lady sent it to the cleaners. Mrs. Curtis: "I have a free will, and can send it to the cleaners or otherwise as I desire." She resumed operations, and when pleased with the results closed the parasol and placed it on the seat.

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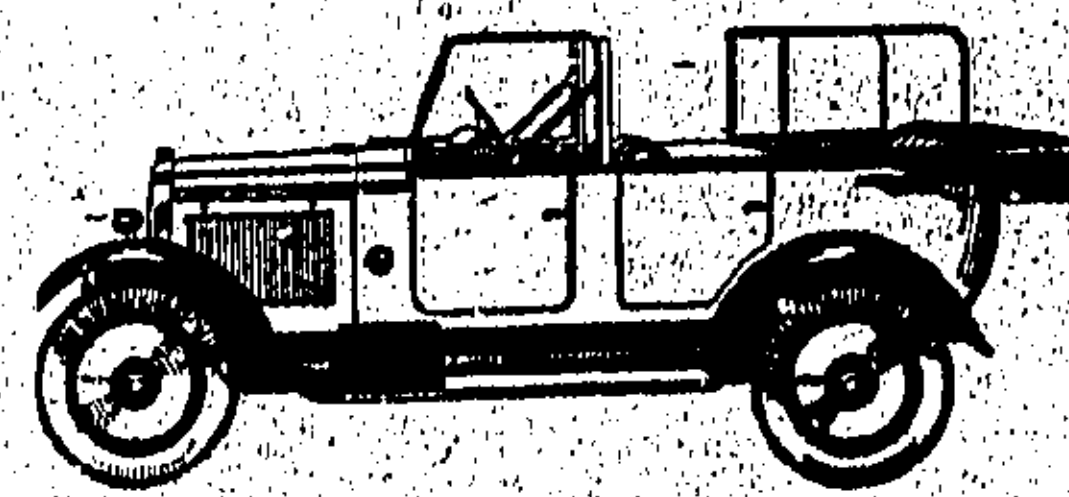
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GREAT STRUGGLE.

HOME SOCCER DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS.

LATEST RESULTS.

Important Home league soccer matches were played yesterday. In the first division Huddersfield are already champions—for the third year in succession. Derby are certain of promotion back to division I but as they lost yesterday, the championship of the second division will not be decided till the last match. The Wednesday are a point ahead but their goal average is slightly inferior to that of Derby.

Stoke won two points and have now caught up Clapton Orient in the struggle to escape relegation. The question of whether Fulham, Clapton Orient or Stoke is to accompany Stockport downwards is also left in abeyance.

The Orient's goal average is better than that of Stoke. The respective figures are: Clapton 1,000—1,333; Stoke 1,000—1,431. Plymouth now have a point lead from Reading in the southern section—and a superior goal average.

(Note: Each club plays 42 matches.)

From the results given below, as cabled by Reuters, it will be seen that Bolton (the Cup winners) did well to draw at Aston after their strenuous match on Saturday.

Results and respective tables follow:—

Division I.	
Aston Villa 2, Bolton 2.	
Division II.	
Chelsea 2, Derby 1.	
Stoke 1, Oldham 0.	
Wolverhampton 7, Barnsley 1.	
Hull 4, Swansea 2.	
Div. III (South).	
Brentford 2, Plymouth 2.	

Division I.

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Huddersfield	41	23	11	7	90	57	57
Arsenal	40	21	7	12	81	62	40
Sunderland	42	21	6	15	66	80	48
Sheffield Utd.	41	19	7	15	100	80	45
Bury	41	10	7	25	81	77	45
Aston Villa	42	16	12	14	86	75	44
Bolton	40	17	0	14	74	73	43
Liverpool	41	14	15	12	68	61	43
Blackburn	42	15	11	16	91	70	41
Manch. Utd.	40	17	6	17	62	71	40
Newcastle Utd.	41	15	10	16	81	73	40
Everton	41	11	18	12	70	70	40
Wolverhampton	41	16	8	17	77	75	40
Birmingham	41	16	8	17	76	75	40
Tottenham	41	15	0	17	65	75	39
Cardiff City	40	16	7	17	60	71	39
Leicester	42	14	10	18	70	80	38
West Ham	41	15	7	19	61	74	37
Leeds Utd.	41	13	8	20	59	73	34
Burnley	41	12	10	19	87	107	34
Manchester City	41	11	18	18	95	93	33
Notts County	41	12	7	22	50	72	31

Division II.

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wednesday	41	26	6	9	86	46	58
Derby	41	25	7	9	77	39	57
Chelsea	41	19	14	8	76	45	52
Swansea	41	19	13	12	76	56	48
Wolves	41	20	7	14	81	57	47
Blackpool	41	17	11	13	76	67	47
Port Vale	41	21	6	16	77	64	47
Middlesbrough	41	21	6	16	77	66	47
Portsmouth	41	16	15	15	75	74	42
South Shields	41	17	16	16	63	62	42
Oldham	41	17	16	16	62	58	42
Hull City	41	16	9	16	62	58	42
Preston	41	17	7	17	67	82	41
Southampton	41	15	7	19	62	62	37
Darlington	41	14	9	18	56	76	37
Notts Forest	41	14	8	19	68	63	36
Bradford City	41	13	10	18	67	64	36
Barnsley	41	12	17	18	58	80	36
Fulham	41	10	12	19	44	77	32
Clapton	41	11	9	21	48	64	31
Stoke	41	12	7	22	52	76	31
Stockport	41	7	25	48	97	73	23

Division III (South).

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Plymouth	41	24	8	9	107	65	56
Reading	41	22	11	8	70	51	55
Millwall	40	20	10	9	72	34	52
Bristol City	41	24	9	11	71	48	51
Brigholton	41	19	10	13	85	72	47
Swindon	41	19	10	16	68	64	44
Southend	41	19	10	16	77	68	44
Luton	41	18	6	17	78	74	42
Bournemouth	41	16	9	16	60	60	41
Crystal Palace	41	16	9	16	73	73	41
Aberdeen	41	16	8	17	71	66	40
Gillingham	41	16	8	17	51	40	40
Northants	40	16	7	17	77	76	39
Watford	41	15	9	17	72	83	39
Norwich	41	15	8	18	57	72	38
Brentford	41	16	6	19	68	87	38
Newport	41	14	9	18	63	73	37
Verthyr	41	13	11	17	64	74	37
Bristol R.	41	15	6	20	66	66	36
Charlton	41	10	14	17	44	64	34
Exeter	41	13	6	22	64	69	32
Q. P. R.	41	5	19	27	34	81	19

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SOCCER PUZZLE.

"ALL THAT WAS LEFT OF THEM."

LOCAL LEAGUE TABLES.

Several factors have tended towards a not altogether satisfactory state of affairs in the realm of the Hongkong Football League. Every season we seem to start off with a flourish of trumpets but many teams fall by the wayside after the first flush of enthusiasm. Local rules are that, under certain circumstances, a club scratching causes points to be deducted from other clubs it has already met.

Then again there have been cases of sides not turning out and their opponents claiming the points or saying maskee as the case may be. Further, there were matches that were interrupted by crowds invading pitches.

Out of confusion, order seems to have been evolved. One point which I wish to press is that a club which is doing well seldom backs out. It is those which pile up big figures in the "goals against" column which lose heart.

I maintain that this is not the true spirit of amateur soccer. Points should not count for anything but the game, should be played for the game's sake. Although the championships will be decided before the season is officially over, it looks as though a number of fixtures will be abandoned. Why have the league at all—one may well ask.

—W. P. C.

Subject to correction and the announcement by the League management, the following tables have been worked out:—

Senior Division.

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Kowloon	13	10	1	2	42	9	21
H.K.F.C.	13	8	2	3	31	10	18
South China	13	6	4	3	24	12	12
Recreio	11	4	1	6	22	28	9
Aviation	12	3	3	6	10	20	9
Police	13	2	8	12	20	8	2
Tamara	13	2	1	9	37	5	5

Junior Division "A."

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
South China "A"	19	9	2	11	7	20	19
Kowloon Reserves	12	8	2	2	29	9	18
Surabaya Reserves	12	3	2	7	10	17	8
S. A. Reserves	12	4	4	4	15	20	12
St. Joseph's	12	3	3	6	15	21	9
Drummers	12	3	1	8	14	25	7
Recreio "A"	12	0	1	11	10	44	1

Junior Division "B."

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
South China "B"	13	8	1	4	24	11	19
Yokohama "A"	13	1	3	9	14	17	5
University	12	7	2	3	38	21	16
St. J's Reserves	11	6	1	4	12	22	11
Drummers Reserves	12	4	2	6	16	21	10
St. J's Boarders	12	3	2	7	17	34	8
Kowloon "B"	12	0	1	11	7	28	1

Important Match.

A match which will practically decide the championship has been fixed for this Thursday.

Kowloon F.C. the leaders.

to visit the Hongkong F.C. at Happy Valley. If Kowloon win this match, they will have accomplished the double of lifting both the Shield and the League. If they draw and get one point, the 1/East Surreys (holders) must get full (four) points in their two remaining fixtures to tie. If Kowloon lose, the Surreys must take three points to tie and four to retain the championship. Any other series of results will make Kowloon champions.

The match is timed for 5.15 p.m.

Kowloon's chosen are:—Avery; Wheeler, Read; Turner, Cavellie, McKelvie; Duncan, Spary, Sims, Hayes and Mason. Reserves: Sibley and Guest. This combination has stood the peninsula club well in recent engagements.

AMERICA.

"BUNK AND JINGOISM."

HISTORY BOOKS CRITICISED.

The "Daily Telegraph's" New York correspondent cabling on March 14 says:

American teachers assembled at Columbia University in New York yesterday expressed themselves in support of the proposal to remove "bunk and jingoism" from history instruction in elementary and secondary schools. As an illustration, one professor said that it was the common practice to teach school-children that the American Constitution gave citizenship to the negroes of the South, whereas "every well-informed person knows that, while the law says they may vote, the white Southerners manage somehow to keep them away from the polling stations." The same professor condemned the teaching that "the United States was found-

HANKOW RACES.

WAYFOONG BANK WINS CHAMPIONS.

LUCKY SWEEP NUMBERS.

Hankow, April 21.

The Hankow Champions resulted as follows:

Wayfoong's Glenbule (Mr. Liddell) 1
Madame Labiss Robin des Bois (Mr. Bauld) 2
Ewo's Hyppolite (Mr. Dupree) 3
The sweep numbers are 8344, 5031, and 7810.

The Derby.

The Hankow Derby (1½ miles) resulted:—
Durham Leaf (Mr. Bauld) 1
Hueph (Mr. Holgate) 2
Pockford (Mr. Dupree) 3

MATCHES FIXED.

"VISITING DAVIS CUP TEAM."

TO MEET OUR "STARS."

Matches have been fixed so that Hongkong's tennis "stars" will meet the Philippines team for the Davis Cup while the latter are passing through the Colony.

As was announced in yesterday's "China Mail," Mr. L. R. Ildefonso (secretary of the Filipino Club, Hongkong) and Mr. J. D. Humphreys (acting hon. secretary to the H.K.C.C.) are mainly responsible for the arrangements.

Weather permitting, play will start at 4.15 p.m. on Thursday, on the H.K.C.C. stand court when Barrado (singles champion of the P.I.) will meet T. Honda, champion of Hongkong in 1924—best of three sets.

Then will follow a doubles match in which the Hongkong doubles champions, S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn, will meet the Aragon brothers, doubles champions of the P.I.—best of five sets. Admission 1s; members 20 cents, non-members 50 cents.

BOXER'S MOVEMENTS.

Stan Thurbon, the bantam-weight boxing champion of Australia, according to the "Sydney Sportsman," is anxious to make a visit to Manila and show his wares. The little Aussie scrapper has just recently defended his title against Les Jackson with great success and should induce men for him be great enough he will soon be seen in Manila, says the "Philippines Herald."

Is there any possibility that he will come on to Hongkong?

STEEPLECHASE DEATH.

London, April 19.
William Watkinson, the Australian jockey who rode Jack Horner to victory in the last Grand National steeplechase, died to-day as a result of injuries received in a fall on Saturday.

POLO INVASION.

Buenos Aires, April 6.

The Argentine polo team, which is seeking British honours at Ranelagh, Hurlingham and Roscommon, is leaving for England.

The team is captained by Lewis Lacey, and comprises Jack Nelson, Charles Land, and Manuel Andrade.

ARMED TRAFFIC.

LARGE SEIZURE IN THE HARBOUR.

TWO MEN CONVICTED.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell and Major C. Wilson sitting together at the Central Magistracy yesterday, two Chinese were charged with possession of six Mauser pistols, 15 magazines, 380 ammunition clips and 4,680 rounds of ammunition. They were further charged with throwing sacks containing the arms into the harbour to prevent seizure.

Evidence of the dumping of the sacks in the harbour by the two accused who were in a sampan and the subsequent recovery of the arms by means of hooks was given by a Chinese detective.

The defence of the first accused was that he was engaged by another man to fetch the sacks from a steamer and that he accidentally knocked them overboard. The second accused said he did not know the contents of the sacks and denied a statement he previously made that he dumped the sacks overboard. Both accused were found guilty. Holding that the greater part of the responsibility rested on the first accused, he was sentenced to four years' hard labour and the other to three years.

ALLEGED FRAUD.

CHARGE AGAINST F. H. JOHNSTON.

The case against a man arrested in Hongkong, Frank Henry Johnston, charged with fraud, was proceeded with in H. M. Police Court before the Magistrate, Mr. G. W. King, O.B.E., Shanghai, on April 21. Mr. E. T. Maitland prosecuted on behalf of the Police, and Mr. L. K. Kentwell represented the accused, while Mr. E. H. C. Platt watched the case, on behalf of the complaining witness.

The charge against the accused was as follows:—For that he between February 1 and 5, 1926, at Shanghai, did unlawfully obtain credit to the extent of \$3,300 from Sia Wei-ching, by means of fraud, other than false pretences, contrary to the Debtors Act 1869, Sec. 13, alternatively, for that he did at the same time and place, unlawfully obtain from the complainant goods valued at \$3,300 by false pretences, with intent to defraud, contrary to Section 32 of the Larceny Act 1916.

CASE FOR THE PROSECUTION.

In opening the case for the prosecution Mr. Maitland said that defendant had called himself the Johnston Trading Co., import commission agents, and occupied an office at 100-101 Peking Road in the premises of a firm called Henry Maitland and Co., which was now defunct. The complainant, Mr. Sia, who traded in stockings and other materials, his company being the Pioneer Knitting Mill, sent one of his clerks to Henry Maitland and Co., and there saw Mr. Johnston. After some conversation Mr. Johnston ordered a large quantity of stockings to the value of \$3,300. These were not sent that day, and Mr. Johnston telephoned to ask why the order had not been sent. He was told that cash was required as he was not known to the complainant, but after a further conversation the goods were sent and delivered by Messrs. G. N. Marshall and Co. These goods the defendant immediately mortgaged to a Chinese firm for T\$1,500. After a day or so defendant vanished, and as the Court knew, he had been found in Singapore.

Evidence was then led, and the hearing was adjourned.

SEA COLLISION.

ENQUIRY MAY BE HELD IN HONGKONG.

The O.S.K. s.s. "Tacoma Maru" which was in collision with the Indo-China "S. N. Co's s.s. 'Yatahing' about 160 miles to the south of Chiling Point on April 18, arrived in Shanghai on April 22 and went alongside the O.S.K. wharf next morning.

The "N.C. Daily News" is informed that the collision occurred during a dense fog, which is said to have lifted immediately after the accident.

The port bow of the "Tacoma Maru" is damaged right down to the water line and it will require a good deal of repair work to restore her to her normal condition. The "Yatahing" is stated to have had her bows very badly damaged, to such an extent that it will be three weeks or so before she is out of dock at Hongkong.

It is probable that an inquiry into the circumstances attending the collision will be held at Hongkong at an early date.

PRINCESS OF 2700 B.C.

An alabaster disc, which is stated to date back to 2700 B.C. (or 4,623 years ago), may even be more than 5,000 years old, is among the latest finds made during the excavations at Ur of the Chaldees (the birthplace of Abraham, in Mesopotamia) by the joint expedition of the British Museum and of the University of Pennsylvania. It is, therefore, from 1,000 to 1,500 years older than the discoveries at Tutankhamen's tomb at Luxor, Egypt.

The disc bears the carving of a sacrificial scene in which a Princess, the daughter of Sargon the Great, is depicted, and was found in the ruins of the temple dedicated to the moon goddess Nid-Gal.

Soon after 1900 B.C. the temple was sacked, probably by the Babylonians, and littered about its floor, have been found the pieces of such things as the plundering soldiers flung down and smashed instead of carrying them away.

BRONCHIAL COUGHS.

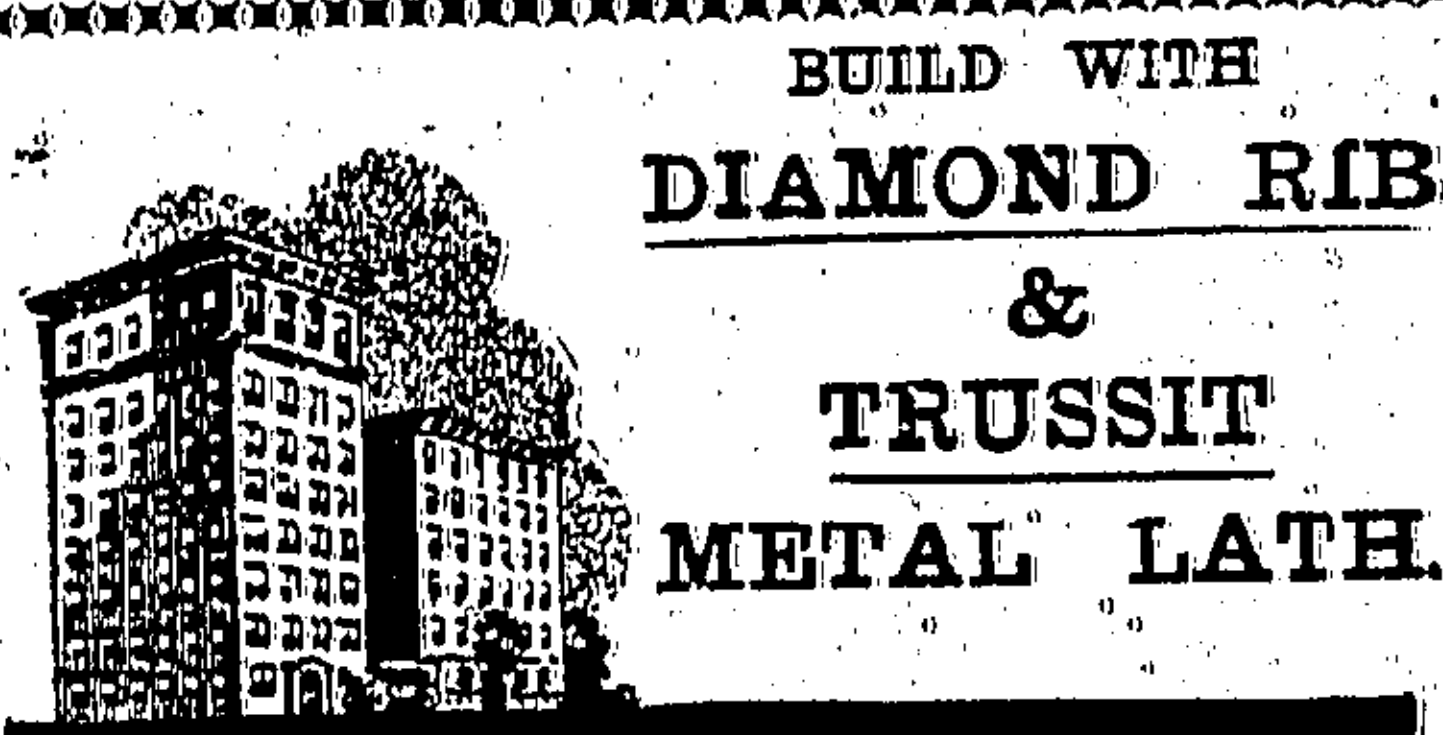
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People and Events in the News of the World



MABEL NORMAND

Mabel Normand, the moving picture actress, who gave Los Angeles authorities considerable aid four years ago in their fruitless inquiry into the death of William Desmond Taylor, the cinema director, may be called upon for help again.



An inquiry into the mysterious murder of William Desmond Taylor (above), the Hollywood moving picture director, nearly four years ago, was started when District Attorney Keyes of Los Angeles departed for Detroit and New York to seek new evidence.



HERBERT FLEISHACKER



ABD-EL-KRIM



GENERAL PERSHING



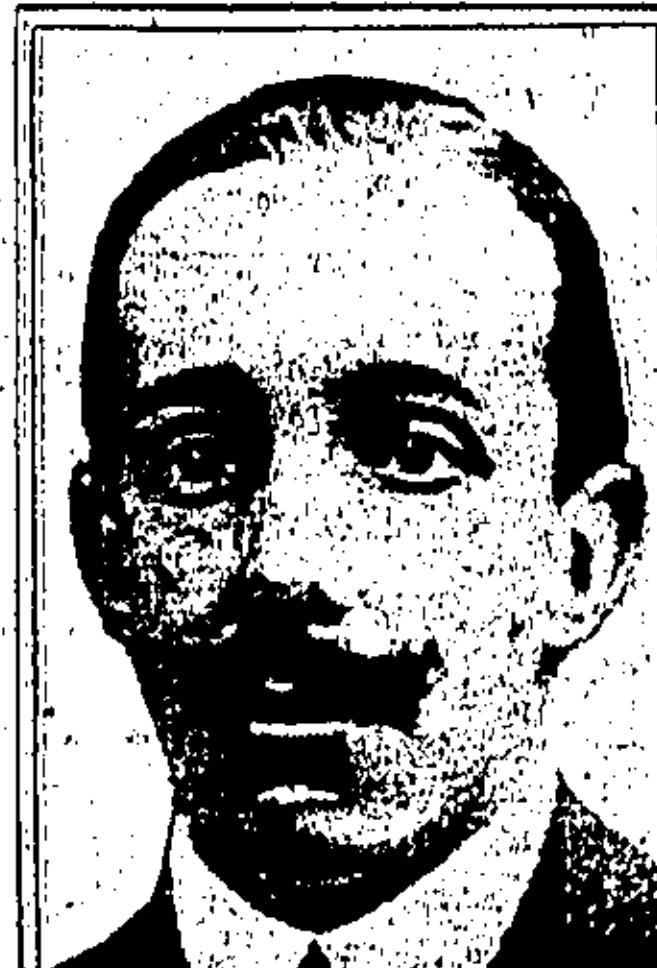
WILLIAM E. DEVER

Herbert Fleishacker, a San Francisco banker, blamed "gambling pools" for the recent stock crash in Wall Street. Abd-el-Krim who re-opened his campaign against the French after the winter truce. General Pershing was in a Washington hospital when he had all of his teeth extracted. Mayor Dever, of Chicago, planned a trip to Washington to refute the charge that lawless aliens governed his city.



ZIZI LAMBRINO

Mrs. Zizi Lambrino, the war bride of Prince Carol of Romania (who renounced his claim to the throne and his royal wife, Princess Helen, of Greece) has filed a suit in Paris for ten million francs, alleging that Prince Carol, infatuated with his new love, Mlle. Lupescu, was not supporting her son.



KING ALFONSO



SEN. EDWARD I. EDWARDS



ANTHONY BIMBA



HENRY MORGENTHAU

King Alfonso of Spain who was so profuse in his thanks for the British rescue of the Spanish aviators. Senator Edward I. Edwards, in Washington, demanded a national referendum on the wet and dry question. Anthony Bimba, a Brooklyn editor, was found guilty of sedition but cleared of blasphemy in his trial. Henry Morgenthau, the former U.S. Ambassador to Turkey, in investigating Philippine conditions, predicted trouble if the islands continue their independence campaign.



JOHN S. THOMPSON

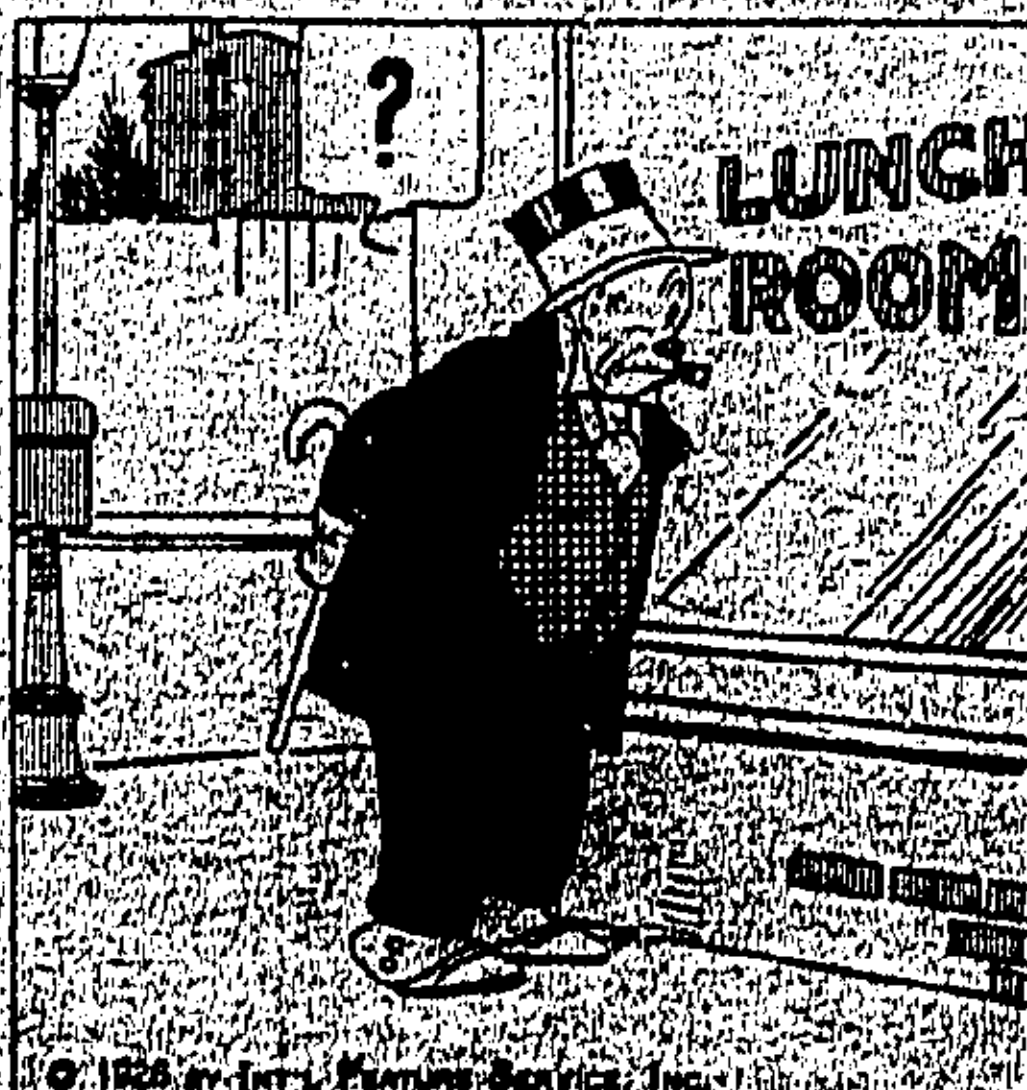
Photo of Lieutenant John S. Thompson, who was sentenced to die for murdering his sweetheart, Miss Audrey Burleigh, in Manila.



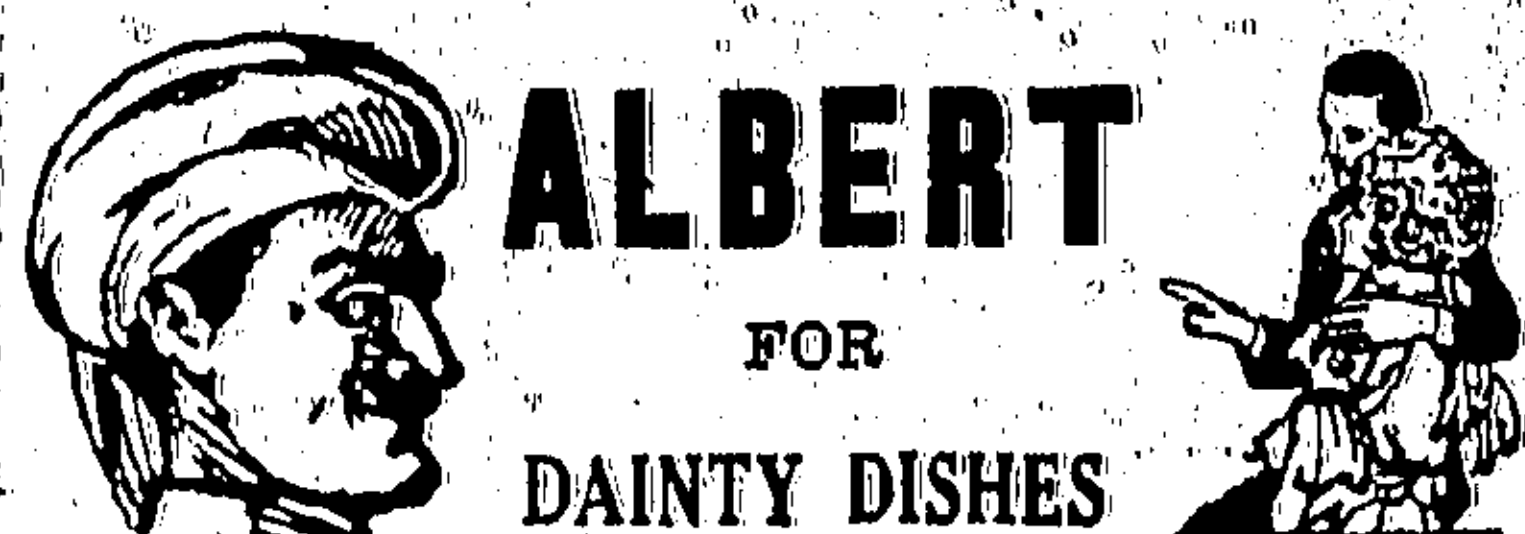
ROOSEVELTS ARRIVE

Bronzed and thin from their arduous experience in India, China, and Tibet during the past year, the Roosevelt brothers arrived in New York with the skins of more than 1,000 animals which they shot for museums. Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Roosevelt are on the left, and Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt on the right.

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Mt. Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Byrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1305
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BOY AS MERMAID.

SHOW ENTERTAINMENT.

On the second morning of the Glen Innes show, John Smith, 12 years of age, son of Mr. John Smith, of Macquarie Street, left home for the show with instructions from his mother to return home for lunch. The lad had not returned at 2 o'clock, so the mother became anxious and went to the show ground. She searched for him, and about 4 o'clock went into a tent where the "beautiful Arabian mermaid" was on show. She saw a striking resemblance between the "mermaid" and her son. To make sure, she asked if the "mermaid" would like some chocolate, and the boy's voice replied: "Too right. I have not had anything to eat since breakfast." The mother then demanded the boy's release, and took him home.

There was a sequel to the incident at the police court when Frank Douglas was charged with having fraudulently imposed on the public by representing that John Smith was a mermaid. Sergeant Colmer stated in evidence that he visited the mermaid show on the first day of the show and saw what he believed to be a young girl lying in a cabinet in a pit-like arrangement in the tent. He visited the tent the following day and questioned Douglas, who charged adults 1/ and children 6/ to see the "mermaid." Douglas admitted that he had a boy named Smith in the cabinet representing the mermaid. He said that he had staged a "mermaid show" all over the State, and the police had not interfered.

John Smith explained that Douglas came to him and asked him if he wanted to earn 5/. He replied in the affirmative, and Douglas wrapped the lower part of his body in a green covering. He had nothing to eat or drink from the time he entered the box until he came out at 4 o'clock.

Douglas stated that the "mermaid stunt" was only part of his entertainment, which also included tricks and an escape from a straight jacket. Accused said he had shown it at the Newcastle and Laverell shows, and in each case a young lad had represented the mermaid. The magistrate, in dismissing the charge, said that the question of the treatment of Smith might well be considered by the Children's Relief Department.—*Sydney Morning Herald.*

SIR W. DURNFORD.

DEATH IN LONDON.

London, April 26: The death has occurred of Sir Walter Durnford.—*Times of London.*
[Sir Walter Durnford, LL.D., G.B.E., was Provost of King's College, Cambridge, since 1918, and Fellow of Eton College. He was born on February 21, 1847.]

THE "VICTORY."

\$43,000 ALREADY SPENT ON RESTORATION WORK.

Sums totalling \$43,000 were spent on the restoration of the "Victory" in the past two years, states the annual report of the Society for National Research. The total returns from the "Save the Victory" Appeal amounted to \$80,000, and estimates for the completion of the work of restoration, adds the report, amounted to \$95,000. An anonymous donation of \$15,000 made last year had enabled them to cover all liabilities so far incurred. It was hoped that the total money raised would exceed \$100,000 as at present there was no margin for the purchase of equipment for the ship, or to erect the Victory Museum.

In a reference to the "Implacable," the report states that the future of the ship is now assured, and it is hoped she will return to her old moorings and serve a severely practical use in providing a holiday ship to stimulate the sense in the youth of Great Britain. A sum of \$25,000, however, is still required to put the "Implacable" in a seaworthy condition.

It was decided to place a plaque in the "Victory" to the memory of Sir Philip Watts, under whose superintendence the whole of the restoration work had been carried out.

The working expenses of the "Save the Victory" Appeal including the production of a film in that connection, it was stated, amounted to \$3,051 19s. In reply to a question by a member of the public, the secretary said the Admiralty had written stating it was out of the question for any fee to be charged for admission of visitors to the "Victory." The "Victory" was still his Majesty's ship, and in commission, and any fee would therefore be against Admiralty Regulations.

THE PHILIPPINES.

NEW BILL TO GIVE ISLANDS INDEPENDENCE.

An Associated Press message dated Washington, April 16, says: Representative Sabath (Dem-Ill.), member of the House insular affairs committee, introduced a joint resolution in the House to-day, establishing an independent Philippine Republic Government. The resolution would authorize the legislature to call a constitutional convention and upon the organization of the Government, the President of the United States would urge all foreign governments to guarantee a neutralized Philippines under their protection. If any signatory power attempted to dominate, the Philippines automatically would revert to American sovereignty.

WEMBLEY AMUSEMENTS.

\$30,000 SWITCHBACK FOR \$1,400.

The site of the Amusements Park at the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley presented a desolate appearance on the occasion of the sale of certain of the effects of Wembley Amusements Ltd. by Messrs. Vervard and Yates (Norwood Road). Many of the devices which provided fun and excitement for so many thousands of visitors during the summer of 1924 and 1925 were in process of demolition, and those that were left were waiting for the fall of the auctioneer's hammer to decide their fate. The largest lot dealt with was the Grand National Switchback and Joy Mill with the whole of the electrical plant and equipment. This cost some \$30,000 to erect, but it was secured by Mr. J. Cleland of London for no more than \$1,400. The "Witching Waves," the takings from which amounted to \$23,137 in 1924 and \$13,266 last year, went at \$170 to Messrs. Bacon and Sons, of Rickmansworth; the "Flying Machine" made \$220; and "The Devil's Bowl," one of the most popular attractions during the Exhibition, and capable of accommodating 1,400 people per hour, \$120.

Considerable interest was taken in the submission of "Tut-Ankh-Amen's Tomb." This in its entirety was knocked down at \$200, and various objects in the "tomb" not required by the new owner realised \$62, a mummy fetching \$1.10s.

ITALY'S GIFT REFUSED.

FRENCH MAYOR'S UNGRACIOUS ACT.

A storm is brewing at Toulouse, says the Paris correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" cabling on March 15, on account of its Mayor's refusal to accept as a gift from Italy the magnificent hall of tiles and marble which housed the peninsula's exhibit in the Exhibition of Decorative Arts. The Italian pavilion was generally acknowledged to be one of the finest in the whole exhibition, and it was valued at 5,000,000, or 6,000,000; but, when it was recently offered to Toulouse, the Mayor of that city simply declined to accept it on the ground that no suitable site could be found for it.

It should be mentioned that the Mayor is a Socialist, who quite recently at a meeting of the City Council made very uncompromising references to Signor Mussolini. The Italians' object in offering their pavilion to Toulouse was that it might become the headquarters of a great Latin League, Toulouse being very favourably situated as a meeting-point for Italy, Spain and Latin South America, and the best headquarters of Latin propaganda. The Mayor's refusal of the Italian gift has aroused strong criticism in the local and foreign Press, in which he is blamed for having allowed his personal party preferences to stand in the light of a great international idea.

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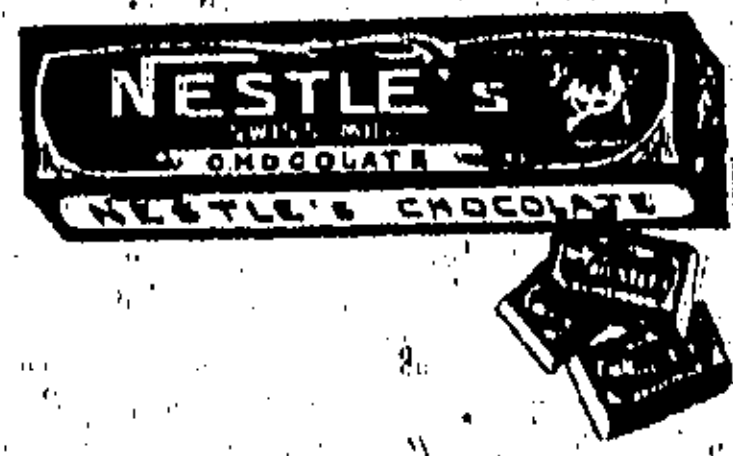
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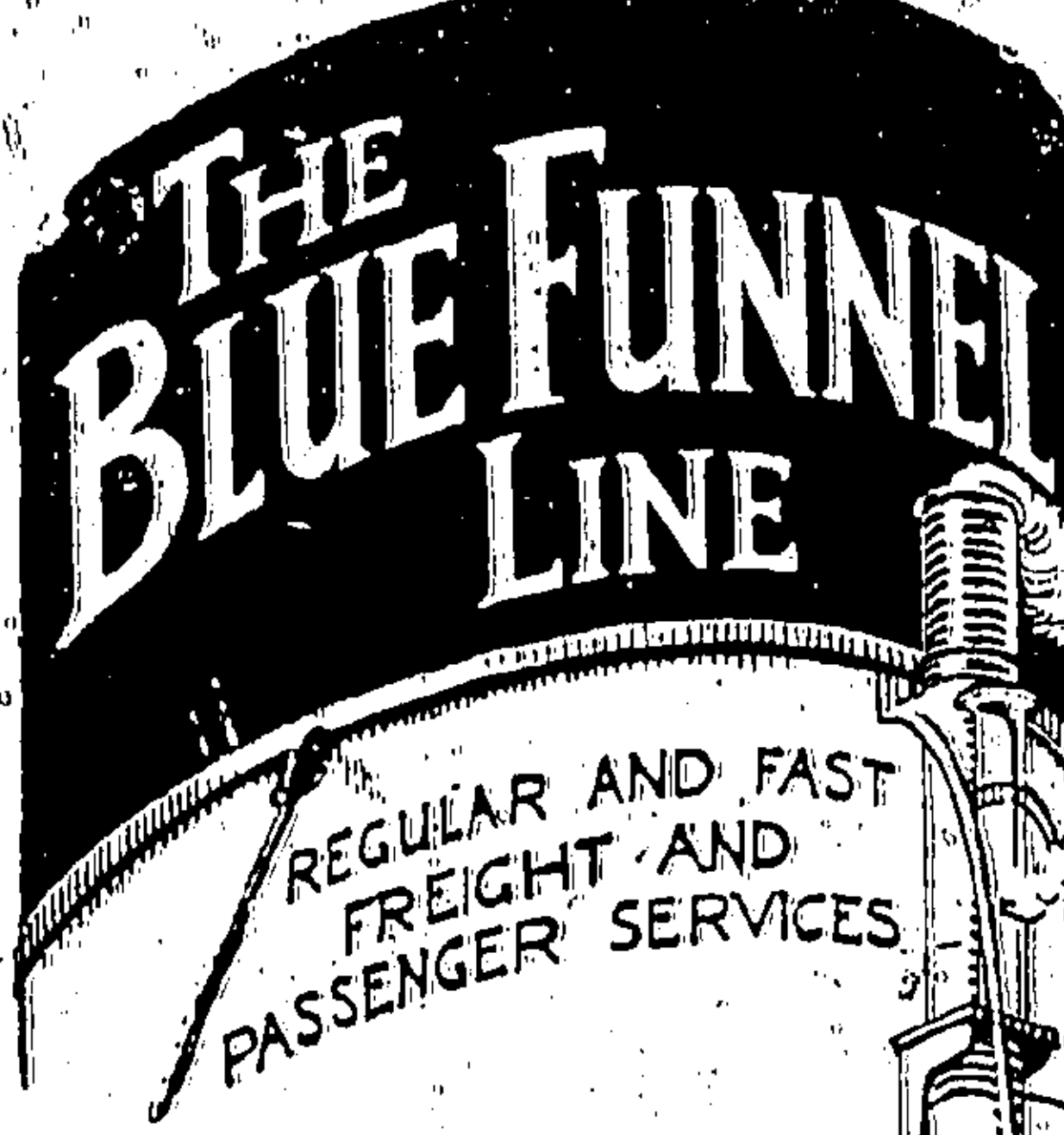
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28. To

Shanghai Kasheng
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Straits Antenor

THURSDAY, APRIL 29. To

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Manila Pres. Jefferson
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai Pres. Grant
Australia and Manila Pres. Taft

FRIDAY, MAY 1. To

Manila Pres. Taft

OUTWARD MAILS.

For To Time

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28. To

Shanghai 10.30 a.m.
Tientsin 1.30 p.m.
Suisan 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29. To

Holbow 8.30 a.m.
Raphong 10.30 a.m.
Holo 10.30 a.m.
Amoy 10.30 a.m.

Straits (Parcel) 10.30 a.m.
Letters 1 p.m.
Wai Hai Wei 2.30 p.m.

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One Mile Flat Race.—Open to Royal Navy, European (Garrison) (including H.K.V.F.C.) and Hongkong Police; British Residents.

Sports to commence at 2 p.m. each day.
Hongkong, 26th April, 1926.

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The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1. for all persons including Ladies.
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Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Lindestad & Davis at \$5 each up to Friday, 30th April.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.—Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for the admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Hongkong, April 19, 1926.

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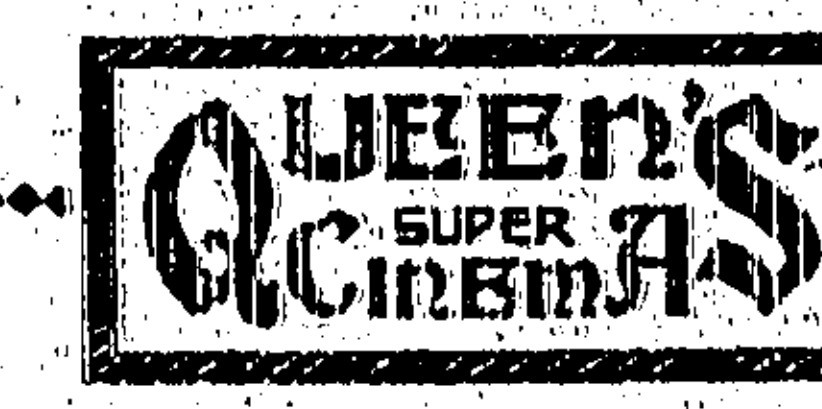
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Their Excellencies the Governor, the General Officer Commanding and the Commodore will address the meeting and it will be proposed that a small committee of Heads of Commercial Firms should be formed to discuss with the authorities of the Corps means for effecting that object.

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